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vñnes and the pacyon and thus byt wene thyem made  
for plegge eche of them two theyȝ fynchettes of golde  
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the see / and soz gage and plegge hast thou lefte thy ryng  
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in what maner shall I dynke out all hys / thys may nat  
vñsible wherfore Escope I praye the to coursayd me if it  
so that I maye venquys he or elles to breke and set thyȝ  
right. And Escope sayde thus shalt venquys he But per-  
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as to it / vpon the ryuage of þ. See and make the bulers  
byde ther n yth the and by soze all the company thou  
to be whassen and fylled full of the water of the see  
þy honde and pray that the pacyon may be deuised  
wshyp and saye that thou wylt assure the promyse as  
eas after and thus shalt thou say to all the felawshyp  
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**A**nd whyle ast as  
 Crantus was wþþ  
 Clope Beholdynge  
 the greate sepulcres  
 or tounberes / and the  
 epitauies of the affy-  
 ent folke and Clope  
 whych perceyued an  
 arche that was nþgh  
 of a Columbne unto  
 the whych men went  
 up vnto it By fourre  
 steppes he went the-  
 der and with out any  
 consonaunce he saw  
 letters wþtten And  
 entytelid after thyg  
 fourme folowynge.  
**A B C D E G H.**

Clope called hys mayster and sayde to hym. My Lorde what betoke  
 nethe these letters / Crantus loked and behelde them well and a longe  
 whyle he thought rehat they sygnyfyed / and by cause he couden at the  
 sygnyfacyon of them / he sayde to Clope tell me what these Letters  
 sygnyfye / and Clopes ayd my lorde if I shew the a fayretre sot what  
 rewarde shall I haue of the / Crantus sayde haue thou a good Corage  
 so / I shall gyue to the freedom and lybertye and the halfe of thys trea-  
 soure and a none Clope went downe the fourre steppys and so depe he  
 delued at the fote of the coloume that he founde the treasure whiche a  
 non he gaue to hys Lorde and sayde to hym my Lorde I praye the that  
 thou wylt do to me as thou haste promyssed and Crantus sayd to hym  
 never thou haue liberte and fredum / Thou muste leue me howe  
 so more I repute and sette by

rappe home komwest thou it / by the letters whyche sygnyfeth to vs / that thou gyue and take to the kynge Dyonisious the treoure whiche thou haste founde And whan Crantus hadde hym say that the treour whyche they had founde was apparternyng to the kynge Dyonisius he sayde thus Clope take the one halfe of thyss treasour and let no man knowe of it Clope than sayde to hym thou gyuest it me nat / but he that put and deliuered it here gyueth it to me And Crantus sayd how knowest thou that Clope answere for the letters folowynge shewyn and sygnyfien it that is to wete E. D. O. I. C. A. The whyche letters sygnyfien thyss latyn Cuntes dimittit quem inuenisti thesaurum auri. And that sayde Crantus gowe home and ther shall we deparate it.

**C**lyssis hystorye sheweth how Clope was deliueryd out of  
Prison & how Crantus promysed hym freedom & lybertye.



Well then promysed to me lybertye. And in stede of freedom & lybertye I am put in prison when Crantus herde hym so speke he redyed a chaynged his sentence & made hym to be deliuered & after sayde to Clope if thou wyl be put to thy lybertye / holde thy tunge in peace & accuse me no more & Clope sayd do whatye wyl / for wyl thou or nat / thou shalbe put me to my lybertye. That same tyme befell a marudous

**A**nd as Crantus was toutned agayn to his hous fro þis place where as Clope had founde the treour in the treasouryng before said he Marueyled of The widsome that was in Clope. But for þis lybertye and freedom whyche he demaunded he was angere & dredyng / sayde the tunge of Clope mad hym to be put fast in prison. And Clope thys is a fayer promys of a physiologer Thou know well

For that stoneth thou ther seeft at the entrie of the bo-  
that passid strombled at the spne and none was so wyl-  
but thys one man; and therfore I sayd that ther was in  
all the other ben but chylbren and Ignorantes And ther-  
yhm thou hast well excusid the and founde no cause to hi-

¶ Thys hystory folowinge maketh mency on hys  
and wered hys mayster.

After that Crantus had wasshen hym in he retour  
and as he went he purged hym selfe and easid hym  
And Clope was besyde hym a paph full of water and  
to Clope wherfore is it that汝 han a man hach easid hym  
belye / That he lokeþ vpon the oþdure or mater / And as he  
hym and sayde / There was in tyme passed a philosoper  
ged so is belye / And for to see that he shulde lele hym / He  
loked and behelde if he boyded it with hym selfe or oþdure  
purgen hym belye / And euer after men loken when they pur  
gues what they boyd but thou oughtest nat to doun therof  
no wyt ne scyence to lese for to a foulysse demaund belong  
answert

¶ And on the morne next folowynge as Crantus was le  
with all hys frendes holdynge a pece of wyne in hys han  
re of the questryons that men asked of hym. And Clopes  
mayster Dponyspus saythe that the good wyne haþ three  
syȝte is holuptuosyte / the seconde is gladnes / And the thi  
maketh men folys and out of theyȝ wyrtes wherfore I me  
drynke and make good cheer and byrdele that Crantus is  
moste drynke for he had well dronken and sayde to Clopes  
se for thou art counseylor of hell / I shall avenge me on thy

¶ And than among the sythers sayd / sayng that Christ  
k & I youthe s was charged to ouercombe yowme  
e of the if a man myght drynk all the  
man full of floures